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Can't buy me love

- Married man charged with bilking $200,000 from four women he met through online personal ads
- Allegedly courted victims with 'romantic dinners, affection and physical attraction' {page 02}

▶ Albert Bellamy Lovering Jr., 54, of Waltham, allegedly told his victims he needed money for debts or medical bills.

Sports

A starry night in Tampa?

- Pats visit the Buccaneers tonight
- Will Tom Brady, Chad Ochocinco connect this time around? {page 16}

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Now that two of hip-hop's greatest names have joined forces, can anything top it? {page 11}

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Waltham man finds love pays, crime doesn't

Prosecutors say he charmed, bilked four women out of thousands ◐ Man met women through online personals ◐ Attorney says man was married

A Waltham man was quite the charmer, according to prosecutors who allege that he was able to bilk about $200,000 from different women he met through online personal listings.

During his alleged scams, Albert Lovering Jr., 54, was also married.

He pleaded not guilty during his larceny arraignment yesterday in Middlesex Superior Court and was ordered held on $10,000 cash bail.

Lovering met his first victim in November 2006 through dating ads on Yahoo.com, prosecutors said. Soon after meeting, he told the woman he needed money to pay an obligation to an antiques dealer in New York. He also allegedly had her co-sign a loan for which he would repay her, but instead spent the money on himself.

He met the second victim in 2008 on craigslist.

He "told the victim that he had a financial hardship and was in need of money for an item he recently bid on eBay," according to Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone's office.

To get more money out of the woman, Lovering courted her with romantic dinners and "professions of warmth, affection and physical attraction," prosecutors said.

After she gave him $28,000 she never heard from him again until he electronically messaged her and claimed to be in a New Hampshire hospital with serious medical conditions.

He said he didn't want her to visit, but needed help paying medical bills or the hospital would not release him.

Lovering allegedly used similar ruses to court and scam the other two women.

Prosecutors would not identify the women.

The price of love:

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▶ Lovering was joined in the courtroom by a woman believed to be his wife, the Globe reported.

Lovering's wife attended his arraignment, according to The Boston Globe.

He is due back in court next month.

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▶ Bulger ID

Feds release Bulger IDs

BOSTON. Accused fugitive mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger's identification cards were released by prosecutors yesterday during a detention hearing for his girlfriend, Catherine Greig.

The IDs include a medical alert card that claims Bulger is diabetic. Also included were a pair of AARP cards, a New York state identification card and an employee ID that reads "approved identification document." METRO

Barbershop or sacrificial sanctuary?

NEW BEDFORD. The Bad Boyz Cutz barbershop was shut down by police after they allegedly found evidence of the owner sacrificing chickens in the basement.

The New Bedford Standard Times reported that William Camacho, 41, said he has practiced Palo Mayombe, a syncretic Afro-Caribbean religion, since he was a child and was sacrificing birds.

Animal cruelty charges are pending, depending on tests results from the rooster, reports stated. METRO

News in brief

Lost ring back with owner

BOSTON. The owner of a diamond engagement ring lost in the Fenway area has claimed the missing item. Police said the ring slipped off of the bride-to-be's finger Friday night. She claimed it Tuesday night. A good Samaritan turned in the ring to police after discovering it. METRO

UMASS: Debt hurts upgrades

BOSTON. The growing cost of covering debt is keeping UMass' five campuses from hiring faculty, staff and putting money into projects. It's also driving up tuition fees for students, UMass President Robert Caret said during a State House hearing yesterday.

Enrollment has grown by 17 percent in the last five years. METRO/SHNS

Finishing touches await I-93 project

Although the Interstate 93 bridge project that left lanes closed during summer weekends is finished ahead of schedule, there is still work to be done.

Drivers can expect additional delays over the weekend as work crews begin final installations of a new layer of pavement on I-93.

The project extends from exit 29 in Somerville to exit 34 Stoneham, according to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's website. METRO

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Site boycotts blog for Brady baby pics

- 'Boycott Barstool' takes aim at Barstool Sports' post
- Site claims advertisers have already jumped ship

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▶ Portnoy

A site urging advertisers to steer away from a Boston sports blog and newspaper after it posted naked pictures of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's child gained traffic yesterday.

"Boycott Barstool," started after Barstool Sports editor David Portnoy posted pics of 2-year-old Benjamin Brady with comments about the child's genitalia.

The photos depicting a nude baby Brady on the beach with supermodel mom Gisele were removed from the site after state police visited Portnoy Friday.

According to reports, police went to Portnoy's home at the request of Attorney General Martha Coakley, who called the post and alleged comments about the child's genitalia "troubling."

Portnoy agreed to remove the photos, and no further criminal action is being taken, reports said.

Portnoy has taken heat nationally, even getting negative comments from shock jock Howard Stern.

The anti-Barstool site says advertisers are allegedly pulling their names from the Barstool publications, but the site claims it is "not trying to stop Barstool Sports from doing what they do," they just "simply want to make sure Boston-area advertisers know what they're supporting."

Portnoy commented via Twitter, "If you ain't getting boycotted by somebody, you ain't trying hard enough."

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Evidence of coverup at UK tabloid?

New evidence of hacking at Rupert Murdoch's News of the World points to a four-year coverup by the company and intensifies focus on Prime Minister David Cameron's judgment in hiring an ex-editor who may now face criminal prosecution.

A letter written in 2007 by ex-royal reporter Clive Goodman says former editor Andy Coulson banned talk in editorial meetings of phone-hacking but not the practice itself — which Goodman said was common.

If true, Goodman's allegations would mean that Coulson lied not only to U.K. parliament but also under oath as a witness in a 2010 criminal trial, when he repeatedly denied that there was a culture of phone-hacking at the tabloid.

It would also imply that many more senior figures at the News of the World knew about the illegal practice, casting doubt on repeated statements of ignorance by executives. REUTERS

Back to court

A British parliamentary committee investigating the scandal is very likely to recall News Corp. executive James Murdoch in person after receiving further statements that cast doubt on his previous testimony.

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Somalia. Famine

▶ A mother comforts her child at the Banadir hospital in Mogadishu, Somalia. The U.S. government estimates that some 30,000 children have died in southern Somalia in the last 90 days from drought and famine.

Britain urges aid for Somalia famine

Britain said yesterday that 400,000 children could starve to death in Somalia if the international community doesn't ramp up its response to the famine there, and pledged a further $48 million to aid children and livestock owners. Aid agencies are calling this the worst drought in decades to hit Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia. "We think the response around the world has been inadequate, dangerously inadequate," said Andrew Mitchell, Britain's international development secretary. REUTERS

Letterman threatened

An Internet jihadist has called for the death of comedian David Letterman by the hands of Muslims in America, according to a report by Stars and Stripes. Umar al-Basrawi, a frequent contributor to a jihadist forum, is believed to be behind the post ordering Muslims to "cut the tongue of this lowly Jew and shut it forever." METRO

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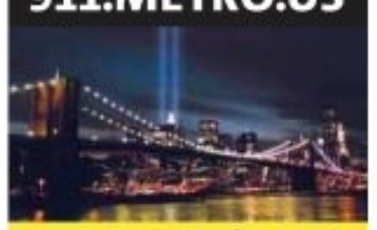

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▶ Thousands of Indians rally in support of social activist Anna Hazare in New Delhi.

Indians rally in protest against govt. corruption

Protests swelled across India yesterday in support of a self-styled Gandhian anti-corruption campaigner fasting to death in jail, with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's struggling government at a loss over how to end the standoff.

Singh, 78, who is widely criticized as out of touch, dismissed the fast by Anna Hazare as "totally misconceived," sparking outrage as lawmakers cried "shame."

"It is a wake-up call for all of us unless we put our house in order," said Arun Jaitley, a leader of the opposition Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party.

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Spurred by messages on social networking sites, such as on Twitter and Facebook, at least 15,000 thronged to one protest site in central Delhi alone.

"The people of this country are becoming restless," continued Jaitley.

The squat and slight 74-year-old Hazare fasted as thousands of his followers gathered outside the jail, the latest development in a crisis that saw him arrested Tuesday. He then refused to leave jail after the government ordered his release.

Hazare, who has struck a nerve with millions of Indians by demanding tougher laws against rampant corruption, had insisted he wants the right to return to a city park where he had originally planned to publicly fast, before he leaves jail.

The arrest and sudden about-turn to release him appeared to confirm a widespread feeling that Singh's government is too riddled with scandal to govern Asia's third-largest economy. REUTERS

Libyan rebels close in

ZAWIYAH, LIBYA. Libyan rebels launched an assault on Zawiyah's oil refinery yesterday to drive the last of the forces loyal to Muammar Gaddafi out of the city west of Tripoli and tighten their noose around the capital.

After 41 years of supreme power, 69-year-old Gaddafi seems isolated. Rebel forces are closing in from the west, south and east cutting off his Tripoli stronghold on the Mediterranean shore. Gaddafi's whereabouts are not known.

In Zawiyah, which controls the western highway linking Tripoli to Tunisia, Gaddafi forces were holding the refinery and harassing rebels in the city with shelling and sniper fire. REUTERS

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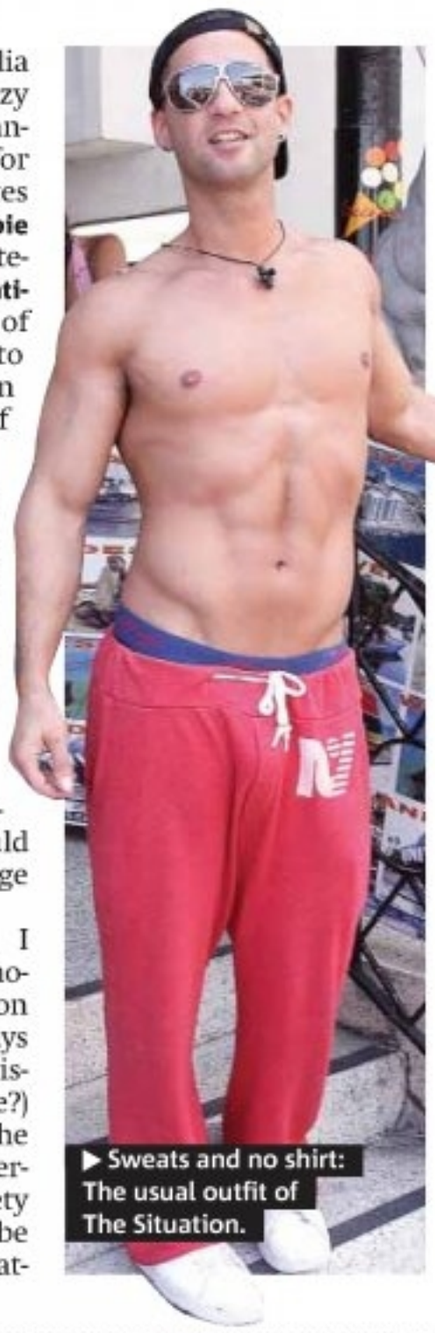
Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

But all he wears is Ed Hardy?

Yesterday, the media was in a giant tizzy after clothing manufacturer for wealthy suburbanites everywhere, **Abercrombie and Fitch**, released a statement asking **Mike Sorrentino** (a.k.a The Situation of "Jersey Shore" fame) to not wear their clothes in return for a large sum of money.

"We believe this association is contrary to the aspirational nature of our brand, and may be distressing to many of our fans," the company said in the release. The statement added that the retailer is "deeply concerned that Mr. Sorrentino's association with our brand could cause significant damage to our image."

Here's the thing: I looked at hundreds of photos taken of The Situation by Getty Images (who says that journalism degree isn't working out for me?) and not once was he snapped wearing Abercrombie and Fitch. Ninety percent of his wardrobe seems to be Ed Hardy (naturally), or he chooses to wear no shirt at all.



▶ Sweats and no shirt: The usual outfit of The Situation.

The Abercrombie execs are reportedly referring to the fact that he wore a pair of lime-green A&F track pants during last week's episode. But it was such a brief incident; it's hard to think they could be so upset. Besides, A&F created and sold a T-shirt with the words "The Fitchuation" last year. It sounds like something is rotten in overpriced khaki city.

"It's a clever PR stunt and we'd love to work with them on other ways they can leverage 'Jersey Shore' to reach the largest youth audience on television," a spokesperson for "Jersey Shore" network MTV told The Wall Street Journal.

The phrase "aspirational nature of our brand" should have tipped everyone off. What is the aspirational nature of A&F other than becoming a frat boy who lives for raging keggers?

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▶ Warning to flight attendants everywhere: You can't keep this guy waiting.

Gerard Depardieu peed off

French star **Gerard Depardieu** made quite a stink on a CityJet flight from Paris to Dublin recently. While the plane was delayed on the tarmac, Depardieu asked to use the restroom. After he was refused, the actor reportedly relieved himself in the aisle. "I will only confirm that he, in effect, urinated in the plane," a spokeswoman for the airline says. After the incident, the plane had to return to the gate and was delayed for two more hours for cleaning. What's impressive about this story isn't that he whizzed on the carpet like a not-housebroken wolf-child, but that we all got an update on how Depardieu looks in 2011. Sacre blob!

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Talking points

Handler has a celebrity twin

Actress **Elizabeth Banks** gets mistaken for comedian **Chelsea Handler** pretty often — and she sometimes doesn't correct people. "A guy walked up to me and said, 'I just love your books. I mean, 'My Horizontal Life.' … I was like, 'Oh, he thinks he's meeting Chelsea Handler.' I couldn't ruin it for him!" the actress said during a visit to Handler's talk show. "I was like, 'It's nice to meet you.' I was just hanging out, being Chelsea, drinking my vodka and having a good time. He couldn't have been happier."

No new judges for 'Idol'

Jennifer Lopez, **Steven Tyler** and **Randy Jackson** aren't going anywhere.

The trio of judges will continue to banter, critique and praise another round of wannabe superstars in the 11th season of "American Idol." "Having both Jennifer and Steven return to 'Idol' in 2012 alongside Randy is such a positive reflection on what was a wonderful and hugely successful season last year, and everyone is delighted," said **Simon Fuller**, "American Idol" creator and executive producer, in a statement. Lopez and Tyler both made their debut at the "Idol" judges table last year; Jackson has been doling out advice on the show since its inception. Host Ryan Seacrest will also be back on the show, set to return Jan. 22.

The feed …

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Kelly Osbourne is getting smarter about security, Emma Bunton is experiencing technical difficulties, Dax Shepard is questioning people's behavior, and Albert Brooks is watching his figure.

▶ **@MissKellyO**
note to self never leave lap top with twitter page open in a room full of friends!

▶ **@emmabunton**
yesterday my twitter was down, my internet is still not working and my boiler is broke!!! Not a great couple of days!

▶ **@daxshepard1**
Once a week I hear someone answer their phone with, "I can't talk right now." Do they think phone will explode if not answered?

▶ **@AlbertBrooks**
You know you've gained a few pounds if your robe is tight.

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Glasgow becomes Philly & other transformations

1: A Roberto Benigni and Woody Allen sighting during the "Bop Decameron" filming at Via Della Vite on Wednesday in Rome, Italy.

2: Philly in Glasgow? A sign for Philadelphia's 676 is displayed in Glasgow, Scotland, where the new Brad Pitt film "World War Z" is being shot.

3: Bruno Mars performs live on stage at Hammersmith Apollo on Tuesday in London.

4: Her coat probably costs more than your entire wardrobe. Suri Cruise leaves her Greenwich Village apartment on Tuesday in New York City.

5: Kelly Rowland attends a photocall for the X Factor at 02 Arena on Wednesday in London.

6: The Dude abides — and reappears. Jeff Bridges and John Goodman attend "The Big Lebowski" Blu-ray release at the Hammerstein Ballroom on Tuesday in New York City.

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Rose McGowan: 'I'm a fighter, what can I say?'

Why the 'Conan' star is a 'Scrappy Doo' in her action scenes and why she'll always want to act in genre films

In "Conan the Barbarian," Rose McGowan ditches her usual glam look to portray Marique, a slithering, blade-wielding sorceress out to help her father (Stephen Lang) raise the dead and take over the world. The part called for hours in the makeup chair and plenty of swordplay — not that McGowan is complaining, mind you.

In "Conan the Barbarian," you get to play with some pretty fun weapons.

That's fun, great fun. I think just as a girl I'm so consistently underestimated, especially because I weigh, like, 103 pounds. People treat you like you're this little doll. I'm like, my brain — which I think is why I'm always so injured — is not in line with what my body is like. So I'm like Scrappy Doo out there, fighting the big guys, which is why I always wind up getting hurt, because I have this unfortunately delicate frame.

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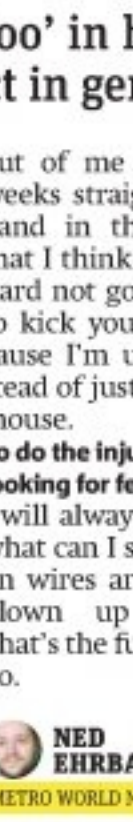
Might I suggest you should do some dramas instead?

I just did one! Although actually I got the crap beaten out of me for about two weeks straight by my husband in the movie, now that I think about it. It was hard not going, "I'm going to kick your ass now," because I'm used to that instead of just taking it like a mouse.

So do the injuries mean you're looking for fewer genre roles?

I will always. I'm a fighter, what can I say? I love flying on wires and things being blown up around me. That's the fun part of what I do.



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▶ Rose McGowan is almost unrecognizable as Marique in "Conan the Barbarian."

SIMON VARSANO

5 Reasons to go to the movies

2 'Conan the Barbarian' Comic-book movie season is winding down, but here's one last treat before we dive into self-serious Oscar-bait autumn: Jason Momoa plays the ancient hero out to avenge his slain father.

3 'One Day' Two friends, 20 years, one day. That's the simple set up of this adaptation of the modern classic written by David Nichols. Em (Anne Hathaway) and Dex (Jim Sturgess) meet at college and grow together and apart through the '90s and the aughts.

4 'Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D' Here's a game: What do Jessica Alba, Jeremy Piven and Joel McHale have in common? This movie. Which one of these doesn't belong? Jeremy Piven. Because we don't like him.

COURTESY OF DREAMWORKS PICTURES

'Fright Night'

1 We'd put money on Colin Farrell showing up Robert Pattinson as the hunkiest vampire. Here Farrell plays the smoldering vamp Jerry, who lives next to a high school senior (Anton Yelchin) who vows to take him out. METRO

5 '30 Minutes or Less' Jesse Eisenberg explores his less-geeky side as a stoner pizza delivery guy who's forced to rob a bank by trash-talking lowlifes played by Danny McBride and Nick Swardson.

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Michael Leviton opens new eatery that is everything you hoped it would be No clothes for sale here though

In the late aughts, Michael Leviton followed his successful Newton restaurant, Lumiere, with Persephone in the almost-maybe burgeoning South Boston Waterfront area. It was part of the haute concept Achilles Project — fabulous restaurant plus trendy bar plus high-end clothing shop equals every girl and metrosexual's wet dream — but it came too soon and proved too swanky as the economy nosedived. Now, two years later, Leviton's latest establishment, Area Four, opens a new chapter, a new story.

Named for its Cambridge neighborhood and set beside grassy Technology Square, with more windows than walls, A4's cubist utilitarian interior is surprisingly convivial; the patio on a beautiful July evening, even more so. The ever-changing menu encourages communion via small plates: There are red and yellow beets with a plucky tarragon vinaigrette, mac and cheese topped with croissant breadcrumbs and a pairing of mozzarella with smoked-tomato pesto and spicy fennel vinaigrette. Very spicy, actually.

More shareables include flatbread pizzas — the fontina and wild mushroom ($15) is simply delicious. Entrees are limited to three choices, though, including a Cape Cod bluefish ($19) — paired with zucchini, sweet corn and salsa verde — and a pulled beef short rib sandwich ($14) that's so tender it's practically spoonable.

Almost as spoonable is the honey panna cotta ($8) topped with unbelievably tasty berries and those very useful roasted pistachios. Wine and beer are decanted from eco-conscious boxes and barrels, and none the worse for it. Unlike most, however, the soft serve ice cream is homemade and never saw the inside of a box. Yum!

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Hit the cafe!

It would be foolhardy to dismiss Area Four's cafe as functional and handy. Pastry chef Katie Kimble's baked goods ($2-$2.75) are incredible, especially her Nutter Jammer almond cookies: two macaroon-y almond cookies sandwiching oodles of raspberry jam. Hello, our new little friend.

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Sitting atop, the Throne

If Kanye West and Jay-Z break sales records with their collaborative effort, it's mostly because the pair are also breaking all the rules ◗ 'Watch the Throne' is already No. 1 in 23 countries

The numbers are in. No. 1 in 23 countries on iTunes, the Jay-Z and Kanye West (known collectively as the Throne) collaborative album "Watch the Throne" has been a commercial smash. But financial windfalls notwithstanding, why would two of hip-hop's biggest stars even bother with the project in the first place, especially when each rapper is at the top of his game?

The answer might be in the project's first video, "Otis." Smiling as they trade verses and ride in a Maybach that gets the "Mad Max" treatment, they look like they are having fun with no rules.

"That's the beauty in it. They didn't need to do it for money. Not worried about radio singles or marketing campaigns, they just went in and produced what they thought was a dope album," explains Geespin, assistant program director of New York's Power 105 FM.

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▶ Kanye West, left, and Jay-Z are shown here rapping together in the beginning of the year, before their collaboration was known as the Throne.

The presentation of the album was unprecedented. It was for sale exclusively through iTunes, while streaming online for free from Aug. 8-11. Then it hit all digital and physical retailers on Aug. 12. This allowed the Throne to dodge that most treacherous of artistic enemies in this digital age, the Internet leak.

The set also broke the U.S. iTunes Store's one-week sales record last week when it sold nearly 290,000 downloads.

With the physical sales added to the digital, "Watch the Throne" was a lock for the top spot when Billboard updated its charts yesterday.

In the music business, success usually breeds imitation. Are we on the brink of seeing more special projects like this? Will there be an heir to the Throne, so to speak? Geespin thinks so.

"I wish that more artists in the position would be more conceptual instead of thinking radio spins," he says. "It's good for the culture."

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GEESPIN, ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF NEW YORK'S POWER 105 FM TALKING ABOUT "WATCH THE THRONE"

The project

A nonradio 'radio' single

Everything about this project has been different. From the supergroup approach to the innovative retail rollout and going to digital first, "Watch the Throne" has not been the norm.

Nowhere do we see that more than in the Otis Redding-sampling, "Otis," which is shaping up to be an unlikely radio hit.

"That record is testing well for us," says Geespin. "Tests are usually based on a strong hook but there is no hook on that record. That's the refreshing thing about this project. They have gone against the grain in every circumstance, and it's worked."

TV watch list

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'2011 Do Something Awards'

SPECIAL. Regular folks are the celebrities when Hollywood honors the selfless work of young people making a difference in their communities. Jane Lynch hosts; Demi Lovato and B.o.B. perform.
9 p.m., VH1

'Burn Notice'

DRAMA. Former "True Blood" baddie James Frain plays a pharmaceutical company CEO who appears to be up to no good when he hires Fiona and Jesse for a surveillance gig. Well, of course, he's trouble — that guy simply excels at playing evil.
9 p.m., USA

▶ Jane Lynch hosts "2011 Do Something Awards."

'Project Runway'

REALITY. The designers are tasked with creating a look fit for a fashion industry event — to be worn by judge Nina Garcia. No pressure or anything.
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A bigger War on Drugs?

Singer contemplates what life would be like if he was in a band the size of U2 Incidentally, U2 made one of his favorite albums of all time

It might come as a surprise to most people who have heard The War on Drugs' ambient space rock, but main man Adam Granduciel was — or maybe still is — a big U2 fan.

"'The Joshua Tree' is probably one of my favorite albums of all time," says the 32-year-old, Philadelphia-based artist.

He had spent the previous day running around New York City doing promo for WOD's album "Slave Ambient," which was to be released a week later. Rave reviews and more media attention mean he's becoming very busy and "slightly overwhelmed," he confesses. Could he imagine being as big as U2?

"It's funny, because we were just talking about what it would be like to be big enough to have a bus, like what we'd have in the bus," he says. "We thought we'd have a basketball hoop, like a Nerf basketball."

What would they have in the fridge, we wonder?

"Well, I really like to cook, so I'd have eggs and maybe make breakfast for us all. We'd have French-press coffee. I'd have a Crock-Pot for touring in winter."

Hardly the booze and excess of most rock 'n' roll fantasies.

"We've done the booze tours — and I like to think I'd still get a little crazy on the tour bus," he concludes.

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▶ From left: Granduciel, multi-instrumentalist Robbie Bennett, drummer Steven Urgo and bassist Dave Hartley get their War on.

Once a Violator ...

With The War on Drugs so busy with this much-buzzed about album, Granduciel will have little time to play in his pal Kurt Vile's band, the Violators.

"It's nice to go on tour with Kurt for three weeks and rock out and then come home and play music that has more ... space. I just missed his European tour, because we had a tour. We've played on each other's songs for so long."

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A Malian singer-guitarist who blends Western music, principally blues, with his native sounds, Toure jams out with both soul and skill, picking solos with his fingers at a speed that would give most guitar players carpal tunnel syndrome. His latest release, "The Secret," features guest spots from Dave Matthews, Derek Trucks and John Scofield.

Gary Clark Jr.

Aug. 30
Royale Boston
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Is Gary Clark Jr. the savior of the blues? Maybe, maybe not; but he wasn't the one who said he was, so don't hold it against him if the blues are not saved. What's true though is that the 27-year-old guitarist from Austin rips and grooves in a way that will make you happy to feel sad.

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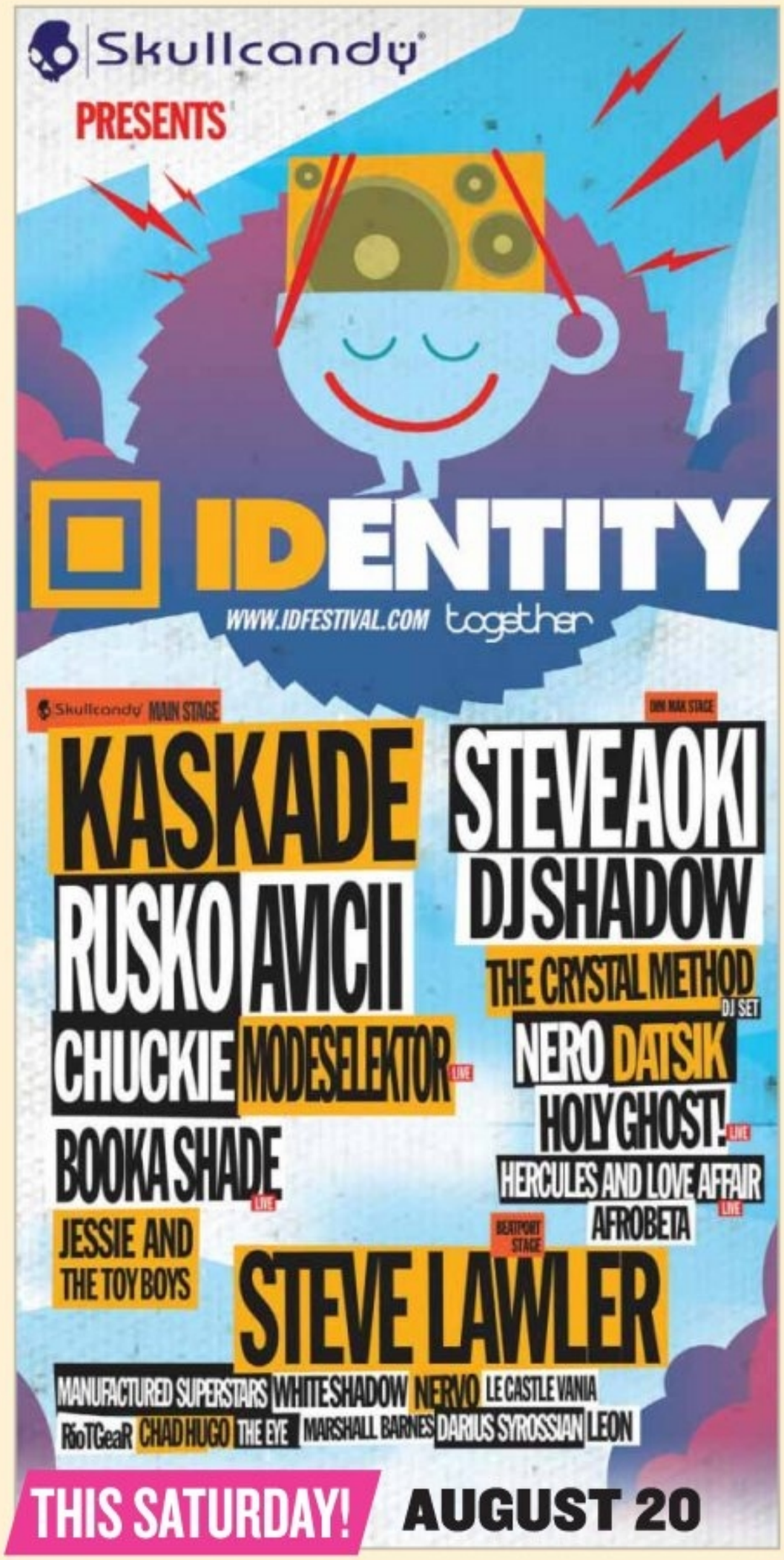

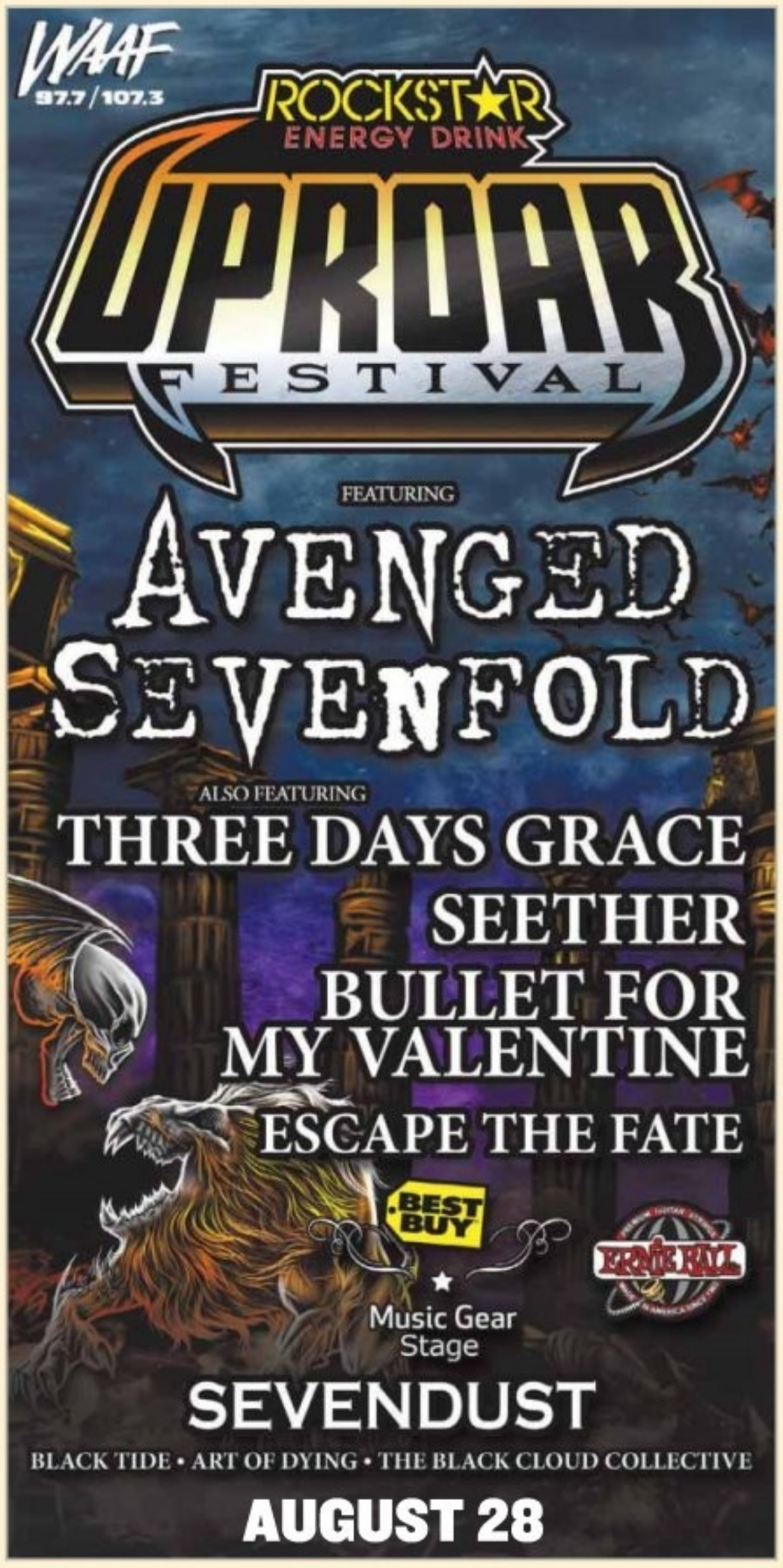

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Two choices, both lousy

RE: "THIS IS NOT A CAPITALISM": We only have a choice between Democrats and Republicans, and both usually don't have our best interests in mind. The reason there are only two parties is because it costs a ridiculous amount of money to run a campaign, and if someone doesn't have the support of either the Democratic or Republican party, they can't afford it. However, the Tea Party is not a third party at all, it is an extension of the Republican party. **MAX A. GUARINO, BOSTON**

Perry the hero takes on Fed

My original disdain for Gov. Perry has been greatly tempered by his courageous assault of Ben Bernanke of the Federal Reserve. The only thing more sinister than the pharmaceutical companies pushing dangerous vaccines on our helpless youth is the Federal Reserve, which President Wilson created in a cloud of secrecy, and Goldman Sachs. If Perry is willing to risk his life to lock horns with Bernanke and the Federal Reserve, then we owe him serious consideration. Just remember: Every dollar the U.S. goes into debt makes Goldman Sachs and the Fed richer and our children poorer! **JOSEPH DUPONT, VIA E-MAIL**

Campaigning on our taxes

Not content with bleeding taxpayers with his airborne fundraising, Barack Obama managed to saddle us with the cost of this week's campaign swing through Iowa in a government-owned bus. It costs $181,757 an hour to fly Air Force One. Add to that a cargo plane to carry the Marine One chopper, and taxpayers shell out more for these $35,000-a-plate fundraising trips than he adds to his 2012 coffers. **TOM SULLIVAN, VIA E-MAIL**

Check please, tax warriors

RE: "STOP CODDLING THE RICH": What fraud! Obama's oligarch club of billionaires who fund his campaign and in turn reap billions of our tax dollars through special, back-room deals and regulations are the ones pushing this charade. If they really wanted to pay more, all they have to do is — like Pat Buchannan said — cut a check for $5 billion or so and send it to the federal government. There's a postal address for this purpose in Hyattsville, Md. **DAVID BAKER, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** A chance comment from an associate might put you on the track of resolving a difficult situation that has been bugging you, and which no one has been able to deal with.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** What you truly want to achieve is within the realm of possibility. However, the important thing to remember is to make certain that your goal is meaningful and not frivolous.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you're thinking of taking on something big, first line up all of the helpers you can muster. You're fortunate right now, but your best results will come from group involvements.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** As long as you're willing to work for what you get and don't leave anything up to chance, you can make noticeable improvements in conditions that relate to your holdings and income.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It's not like you to sit in the corner and be a wallflower; so don't start now, regardless of your reasons. Something nice could develop through someone you meet for the first time.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** This could be the day you've been waiting for. Something you've been worrying about will do an about-face and spur necessary changes that'll turn out to be in your favor.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Strive to be as flexible as possible where your important plans are concerned. You'll succeed if you don't restrict your ability to maneuver.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Try to devote the greater portion of your time and attention to matters that are materially meaningful to you. It is in these areas where your luck will be the strongest and most powerful.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Think for yourself so that you can get off to a good start doing what you want. The course you set for yourself is likely to be the one you'll follow.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** You can gain the upper hand on your financial picture by being assertive and by relying on your own instincts and timing when it really counts.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you are on the verge of announcing a new endeavor, this might be the perfect day to get started. Results could exceed your expectations.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** It's highly likely that you will be the one who has the edge over the other guy. However, don't take this for granted, get careless and give the edge to someone else. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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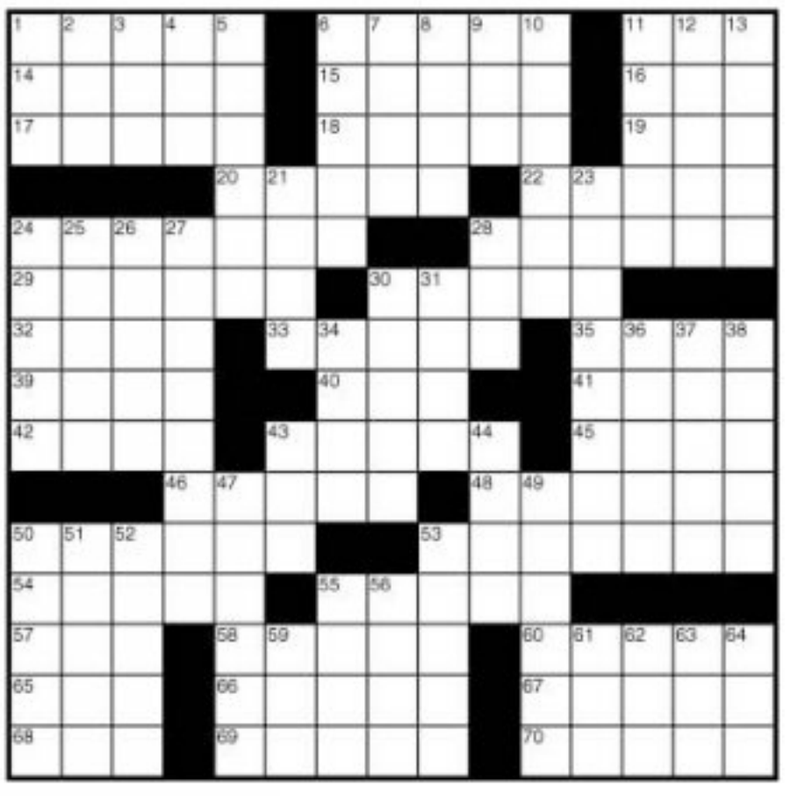

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In the NFL

Pats cut LeVoir
The Patriots cut veteran OL Mark LeVoir yesterday. The 29-year-old from Minnesota played in 32 games — which includes three starts — during three years in Foxborough.

Storylines to watch

Preseason Week 2: Patriots at Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Raymond James Stadium 7:30 p.m. (WBZ, 98.5 FM)

Will Chad Ochocinco catch a Tom Brady pass?

1 Will it be a starry night?

It was great to have football back last week. But where were all the Patriots' stars?

On the bench, that's where.

It will be interesting to see how many of his team's usual starters coach Bill Belichick decides to use tonight. Will Tom Brady get his first action of the preseason? And if so, will he connect with Chad Ochocinco? Fans are dying to see it in a game.

We already know that Albert Haynesworth won't suit up tonight, but teammates Jerod Mayo and Vince Wilfork could get some reps early on.

2 How will Ryan Mallett look this time out?

Rookie New England quarterback Ryan Mallett was getting the bulk of the snaps with the first team during Tuesday's training camp practice — the last real workout before tonight's game.

That should mean he'll be making an earlier debut in the game this time around.

Mallett had a strong outing last week, hitting on 12 of 19 passes for 164 yards and a touchdown. The Pats scored 28 points with him under center in the second half.

How he performs against a far steadier Tampa Bay Buccaneers defense is another story entirely, though.

3 Keep an eye on the kick return game

Never has special teams been a hotter topic around the NFL than it is now, ever since the league decided to move the ball up to the 35-yard-line for kickoffs.

In doing so, the NFL has created the opportunity for kickers to boot many more touchbacks, causing more than a few complaints among fans.

The idea was to make the game safer, but is it coming at the expense of action and entertainment? The rule could also eliminate jobs, as guys like New England's Brandon Tate and Chicago's Devin Hester become far less valuable.

JIMMY TOSCANO

▶ The report said Vince Wilfork was one of the 'Canes who received cash.

NCAA looks at Miami

The NCAA confirmed yesterday that it has been investigating the Miami football program, which was rocked this week by an online report detailing massive gifts to players by a longtime booster.

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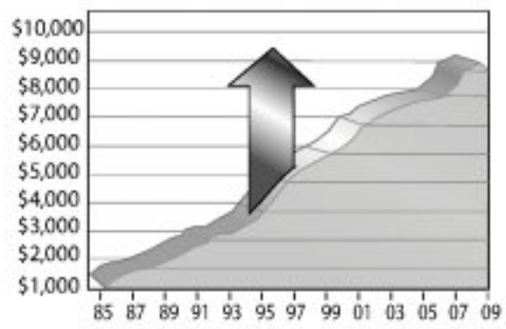

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Red Sox shut down, stay in second place

Price is wrong for Boston offense against Tampa Bay • Bats come up empty, spotting Yankees a game • Eight-game road trip starts tonight

David Price threw eight shutout innings, B.J. Upton and Evan Longoria homered and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Red Sox 4-0 yesterday, keeping Boston in second place in the AL East.

The loss dropped the Sox (74-48) a full game behind the Yankees going into New York's late game last night.

Boston is at Kansas City tonight. They should have some offense to spare — after all, they didn't use any of it yesterday.

Price was brilliant in eight innings of three-hit ball. Kyle Farnsworth finished the Sox off with a perfect ninth.

John Lackey was decent on the mound for Boston, surrendering four runs (three earned) on six hits in 6 2/3 innings of work.

Johnny Damon scored the eventual game-winning run in the first, coming home on a groundout. Upton and Longoria added insurance with homers in the fourth and fifth, and Ben Zobrist plated a run in the seventh. METRO

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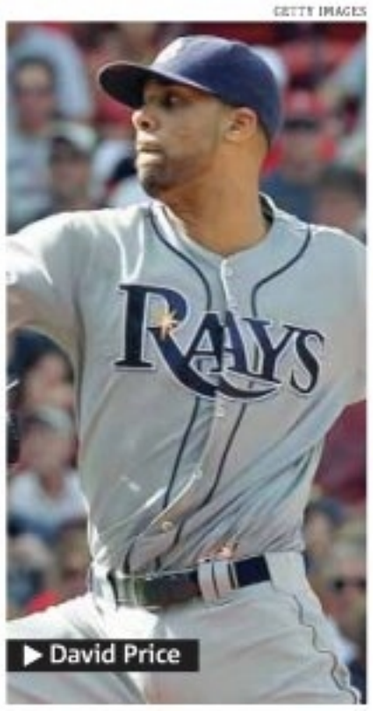

▶ David Price

Old and new CFs

Jacoby Ellsbury and Johnny Damon both had nice games yesterday.

- **Ellsbury** tripled and stole his 32nd base of the season. He's tied with Carl Yastrzemski for third on the Red Sox's all-time list with 168 steals.
- **Damon** had two hits for his 30th multi-hit game of the season. They included his 508th career double and his 2,690th career hit — moving him past Gary Sheffield for 64th in Major League Baseball history.

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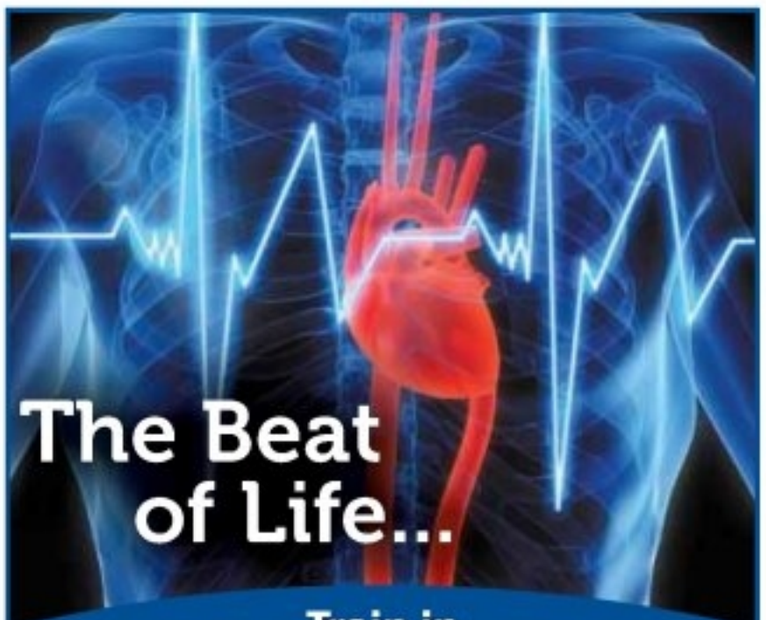

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Sports in brief

Patrick to NASCAR

Driver-spokesmodel Danica Patrick will race full-time in NASCAR next year, according to online reports yesterday.

Patrick has split time between the IndyCar and Nationwide series this year. But she'll apparently be full-time in the No. 7 GoDaddy.com Chevrolet on the Nationwide in 2012. METRO

Angel traded to Chivas USA

LOS ANGELES. The Los Angeles Galaxy yesterday traded striker Juan Pablo Angel to crosstown rival Chivas USA, opening a spot for new designated player Robbie Keane.

The Galaxy was at its limit of three DPs when it signed Keane, so one had to be moved. METRO

Cannons can't overthink this year's MLL playoffs

The Boston Cannons have been here before.

Just last year, they went into the MLL's "Championship Weekend" playoffs with the No. 1 overall seed. Almost all observers expected them to finally bring home the first title in franchise history.

That is until the Chesapeake Bayhawks sent them packing in the semis.

Star Paul Rabil knows all about that. And he knows how to keep it from happening in the 2011 playoffs, next weekend.

"It's about not overthinking anything we've done successfully so far this year," Rabil said on a conference call yesterday. "Last year, we overthought ourselves a bit. We tried to add different tactics, with it being such an important [game]. In reality, we were the best team all regular season, and we got away from some of the things we did best." METRO/AS

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▶ Paul Rabil and the top-seeded Cannons will play the fourth-seeded Bayhawks in the MLL semifinals on Aug. 27.

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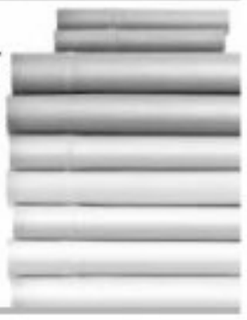

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